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SUBJECT: NATIONAL RAILWAY WORKERS TO STAGE NATIONWIDE WALKOUT

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1. SOHYO AFFILIATED COUNCIL OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISE UNIONS (KOROKYO) DECIDED THIS WEEK TO STAGE ILLEGAL WALKOUTS ON ALL NATIONAL RAILWAY LINES AND IN SELECTED POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES. STRIKE CALL RESULT OF CABINET CONFIRMATION SEPT. 20 THAT 1976 WAGE HIKES FOR NATIONAL RAILWAY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS, AWARDED BY GOVERNMENT'S ARBITRATION PANEL IN MAY, WOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL DIET ENACTS LONG STALLED BILLS RAISING RAILWAY FARES AND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CHARGES. SAME CABINET MEETING ALSO DECIDED THAT EVEN AFTER FARE INCREASES ENACTED, DIET SHOULD PASS RESOLUTION SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING (AND ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR) PAY INCREASES FOR WORKERS IN THESE TWO DEFICIT RIDDEN PUBLIC ENTERPRISES.

2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ZENDENTSU) OFFICIAL TELLS US THAT WHILE KOROKYO LEADERS REALIZE THEY ARE TAKING POLITICAL RISK IN STAGING STILL ANOTHER STRIKE AT THIS TIME, THEY FEAR THAT IF THEY DO NOT OBTAIN SOME CONCESSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM GOJ ON WAGES THEY WILL LOSE CONTROL OF THEIR UNIONS

TO RADICAL RANK AND FILE MILITANTS WHO HAVE ALREADY  
THREATENED WILDCAT WALKOUTS.

3. RULING LDP IN NO MOOD TO COMPROMISE SINCE IT  
EXPECTS TO REAP POLITICAL BENEFITS FROM A RAIL WALKOUT.  
ACCORDING TO FORMER VICE MINISTER OF LABOR ISHII, BY  
ONCE AGAIN TAKING HARD LINE VIS-A-VIS SOHYO,  
LDP HAS FORCED SOCIALISTS TO  
ENDORSE ILLEGAL STRIKES AND HOPES THAT RESULTANT ROUND OF  
MEDIA AND PUBLIC CRITICISM OF JSP WILL TO SOME EXTENT  
COMPENSATE FOR LOCKHEED AND REDOUND TO BENEFIT OF LDP  
CANDIDATES IN FORTHCOMING LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS.  
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